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Petersbourg, May 4.

THE Anniversary of the Great Dutchess's Birth Day was celebrated at Court on the 2d Instant with great Magnificence. 'Tis assured that her Imperial Majesty will soon make a Promotion of Land and Sea Officers.

Leghorn, May 8. The continual heavy Rains we have lately had in these Parts have done great Damage in all the Country round about us, insomuch that they have not been able to sow the Land a second Time, the Corn that was first sown having been all destroyed.

Genoa, May 8. The Master of a Leghorn Ship lately arrived here from Tunis reports, that just before his Departure, nine armed Vessels had sailed from thence on a Cruize; and that he left several English, Dutch and Portuguese Ships in Port, the Masters of which informed him, that two Spanish Men of War and three Xebecks were cruizing off Malaga, in order to protect those Coasts from the Barbary Pyrates.

Turin, May 11. The Dutchess of Savoy advances happily in her Pregnancy, and as 'tis expected she will be brought to Bed the Beginning of next Month, the King has already named the Count de Provana to carry the News thereof to Madrid. M. Verelst, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, proposes setting out from hence in two or three Days on a Tour to Milan and Genoa.

Warsaw, May 11. By Letters from the Frontiers of Podolia and Volhinia we are informed, that the Heyducks have appeared again there in great Numbers, and plundered and burnt several Villages in the Neighbourhood of Bialaierkiew, and that Orders had been sent to march a large Body of Troops against them.

Stockholm, May 14. The Funeral of the late King is fixed for the 24th of September next; and the Ceremony of their present Majesties Coronation will take Place on the 26th of the same Month. The Troops designed for Finland are now embarking, and the Command of them is given to the Majors General Marks, Wurtenberg and Hamilton. No Orders have as yet been sent to Carlscroon for the Fleet's putting to Sea, and 'tis now thought it will not go out of Port this Summer. Yesterday Morning their Majesties set out for Ulrichsdahl for about a Fortnight.

Vienna, May 15. The States of the Kingdom of Hungary have unanimously conferred on Count Louis, Brother to Field Marshal Bathiani, and heretofore Chancellor of that Kingdom, the important Post of Palatin of Hungary. Yesterday their Imperial Majesties arrived at Schonbrun from Presbourg, and that Night came from thence to their Palace in this City; and having signed the necessary Dispatches, set out again this Morning on their Return to Presbourg. The last Letters from Hungary say, that 26 Houses had been reduced to Ashes by a Fire that lately broke out at Raab.

Copenhagen, May 16. On Tuesday last the King named the Baron de Bernstorff, our late Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of France, to be one of his Majesty's Privy Council, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the next Day the same was declared at Court by the Count de Molke, Grand Marshal, and gave great Satisfaction.

Berlin, May 22. On Wednesday last the King reviewed several Regiments near Potzdam; after which his Majesty returned to the Castle, in Company with the Prince of Prussia and Prince Henry, and dined for the first Time in the new Marble Hall lately erected there by his Order, Prince Lobcowitz, and several General Officers of the first Distinction, being permitted to dine at his Table. And the next Day his Majesty, accompanied by several of the Nobility and General Officers, arrived here from Potzdam.

Brussels, May 24. Prince Charles of Lorrain set out from hence this Morning for the Castle of Tervuren, in order to take the Diversion of Hunting. The Departure of his Serene Highness for Vienna is deferred till the 15th of next Month.

Middlebourg, May 26. His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange enjoys here a good State of Health, and is settling with the principal Lords of the Regency, the necessary Measures for the Good of the Province. Yesterday Morning a great

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great Number of Perſons of Diſtinction waited on his Serene Highneſs to compliment him on his Arrival; and at Noon he went to the Aſſembly of the States of the Province, and ſtaid about two Hours. On Tueſday next 'tis ſaid he is to make his Entry at Ter-Veere, and on the Friday following at Fluſhing, in Quality of Marqueſs of thoſe two Places, and they are now making great Preparations for his Reception.

Hague, May 27. Yeſterday her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Orange, with the young Prince and Princeſs, ſet out from hence in order to ſpend Part of the Summer at their Houſe in the Wood.

Whitehall, May 21.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Francis Aiſkell, Gent. to be his Majeſty's Conſul at Malaga, in the Room of James Lambert, deceaſed.

Whitehall, May 11, 1751.

IT having been repreſented to the King, That divers Robberies and Burglaries, (attended with ſeveral Circumſtances of extreme Cruelty and Barbarity to the Inhabitants of the Houſes ſo broken open and plundered) have, within ſome Time paſt, been committed in the County of Suffolk, by Perſons armed and diſguiſed, who, it is generally ſuppoſed, have, heretofore, rode, and been converſant, with Smuggling Armed Gangs, which have inſulted and infeſted that County: That the Reverend Mr. Robert Hall, of Lopham, near Briſſingham, was, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Thurſday the 23d of March 1749, in a Field, adjoining to his Houſe, attacked by ſeveral Perſons armed and diſguiſed, who robbed him of One Hundred Pounds, which he was then carrying Home, from a Neighbour, of whom he had received it; and that they dragged him to his own Houſe, where, upon breaking open ſeveral Buroes, and Cheſts of Drawers, they found Three Hundred Pounds more; which, with his Silver Watch, they alſo carried away:—That, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Tueſday the 9th of October 1750, ſeveral Perſons, armed and diſguiſed, broke into the Houſe of Mrs. Sarah Ventris, Widow of the late Reverend Mr. Ventris, at Earls Stonham, dragged her only Son out of his Bed, threaten'd to murder him, and ſet Fire to the Houſe, in Caſe ſhe did not, immediately, deliver what Money ſhe had therein; upon which, they took Fifty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin; ſix Thirty-ſix Shillings Pieces of Gold Coin, and ſome other looſe Money; three Silver Salts, four Silver Spoons, and one Silver Saucepan, marked T. S. V. being a great Part of the Subſtance which ſhe had left for the Support of herſelf and Family:—That on Friday the 19th of October 1750, the Houſe of Mr. Joſiah Stubben, at Offten, near Bramford, Yeoman, was robbed, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, of between Twenty and Thirty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin, one Silver Watch, and two Pair of Buckskin Breeches, &c. which were carried off by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed:—That on Saturday the 10th of November 1750, about Seven in the Evening, the Houſe of Mr. John Hemſtead, Yeoman, at Battisford, was forcibly enter'd by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed, who, being reſiſted, in their Attempt to plunder the Houſe, were immediately aſſiſted by ſeveral others, armed and diſguiſed, who ruſhed into the Houſe, and in Conjunction with the others, beat and abuſed the Family in a moſt inhuman and barbarous Manner; fractur'd the Skull of the Son of the ſaid Mr. John Hemſtead, leaving him without Signs of Life, and took out of the ſaid Houſe One Hundred Pounds of Gold and Silver Coin, &c.—That on Saturday the 22d of December 1750, the Houſe of Mr. Thomas Fulcher, Gent. of Breſingham, in or near Diſs, was broke open by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed, upon entering of which they declared to Mr. Fulcher their Intention of ſtriking off his Head with a Hatchet, which they ſhewed to him; and, in order thereto, blinded him, and laid his Head on a Block in the Kitchen; that then they broke open ſeveral Buroes, Boxes and Places in the ſaid Houſe, and did likewiſe conſiderable Damage to the Furniture of the ſaid Houſe; carried away One Hundred Pounds or more in Gold and Silver Coin, a great many Gold Rings, two Silver Watches, ſeveral Pieces of Old Gold Coin, and of old Silver Coin; three Silver Spoons, one Silver Tobacco Box, &c. and upon going out of the Houſe, dragged the ſaid Mr. Fulcher into the Back Yard, and hung him with a Girdle by the Neck, on the Branch of a Tree; and that upon one of the Gang's cutting the Girdle, he fell to the Ground, ſenſeleſs and ſtunned, in which Condition they left him: His Majeſty for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in all, or any of the Facts abovementioned, is pleaſed hereby to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any of the ſaid Offenders, who ſhall, within three Months from the Date hereof, diſcover any two or more of his or their Accomplices therein, ſo that they may be apprehended and convicted of any of the ſeveral Offences above-mentioned: And as a further Encouragement, that if any of the Perſons concerned in any or all of the Facts above-mentioned, or any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall apprehend and take any of the Offenders above-mentioned, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall receive from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, a Reward of One Hundred Pounds for each Perſon ſo taken, within one Month after Conviction, over and above any other Reward they may be entitled to by Law.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Whitehall, May 14, 1751.

A Depoſition having been made, at the Requeſt of James Cope, Eſq; his Majeſty's Reſident at Hamburgh, by Wirck Pieterſen, Commander of a Ship called the St. Johannes, (which lately arrived there under Daniſh Colours) repreſenting, that on the 16th of April laſt, being about ſix Leagues off the North Foreland, upon the Kentiſh Coaſt, he took up a Coffin, made in the Engliſh Manner, and having the following Inſcription engraved upon a ſilver'd Plate, viz.

Mr.
Francis Humphry
Merrydith Died
March 25, 1751,
Aged 51.

That having carried the ſaid Coffin, (being of Oak, cover'd

cover'd with black Cloth, and having Eight ſilver'd Handles,) to Hamburgh, and open'd it there, a Coffin of Lead was found incloſed in it, which being alſo open'd, contained the Body of an elderly Man, embalmed, and dreſs'd in fine Linnen.

This publick Notice of the abovementioned Particulars is given, that any Perſon or Perſons concern'd for the Remains of the ſaid Mr. Francis Humphry Merrydith, may be enabled to ſend ſuch Directions by Means of his Majeſty's Reſident at Hamburgh, as ſhall be thought proper upon this Occaſion; which ſhould be ſoon diſpatch'd, as Mr. Wirck Pieterſen, who now keeps the Body in a careful Manner, ſolder'd up in the ſame Coffin, on board the ſaid Ship, will ſoon proceed, from Hamburgh, upon another Voyage, though there is no Reaſon to apprehend that any decent Care will be omitted, Mr. Pieterſen having declared, that, if no Cogniſance was taken of this Affair in England, he would be at the Expence of a proper Burial.

April 19, 1751.

General Poſt Office.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy bringing the Cirenceſter Mail to this Office, was Yeſterday Morning, between Two and Three of the Clock, on Gerrard's Croſs Common, between Wickham and Uxbridge, attacked and robbed by a ſingle Highwayman, mounted on a Bay Mare, who carried off the ſaid Mail, which contained the following Bags of Letters, viz.

Briſtol,	Worceſter,
Exeter,	Birmingham,
Tiverton,	Wolverhampton,
Taunton,	Woodſtock,
Wellington,	Bath,
Bridgewater,	Cirenceſter,
Wells,	Glouceſter,
Oxford,	Thame,
Burford,	Wickham,
Witney,	Beconsfield,
Chipping-norton,	Gerrard's Croſs,
Campden,	Abingdon, *and*
Eveſham,	Farringdon.

The Perſon who committed this Robbery, was a tall luſty black Man, about Six Feet high, between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, marked with the Small Pox, and had on a blue Surtout or Horſeman's Coat, and under it a dark coloured one, with white Metal Buttons, and wore a black or dark coloured Wig, and rode upon a large Brown Bay Horſe or Mare, Fifteen Hands high, with a bald Face, and a dark black Mane, the Tail lately docked and nicked, the Wounds not healed.

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon, who committed the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and alſo have His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter-General,
George Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Admiralty-Office, May 3, 1751.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: Theſe are to give Notice, that Copies of the ſaid Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy at Chatham, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; as alſo with the Clerks of the Cheeque at Deptford, Woollwich, and Sheerneſs; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinſale; where all ſuch Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpoſe. But ſuch Widows as live at too great a Diſtance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Thomas Riley Blanckley, at the Admiralty Office, who will ſend them all neceſſary Information. And the Governors of the ſaid Charity intending to diſtribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of Auguſt 1732, as well as to the Widows of thoſe who died ſince that Time, whoſe Circumſtances come within the Rules of the Eſtabliſhment, ſuch Sums as the Funds of the ſaid Charity ſhall produce for one Year ending the 31ſt of this Month, as ſoon as the Pay-books can be made up, and the Money ſhall be iſſued into the Paymaſter's Hands for that Purpoſe; This is to give Notice, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do ſo as ſoon as poſſible; and that all ſuch Widows whoſe Claims have been already allowed, may ſend or bring to this Office, by the 31ſt of this Month, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Penſion or Bounty.

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